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Town's tribute to the fallen...

Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Cllr. Liz Savage lays a wreath at Skelmersdale's War Memorial. Code1085704

LARGE crowds gathered at the Remembrance Sunday service and parade in Skelmersdale to pay their respects to those who suffered and lost their lives serving their country.

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APPEAL TO ADD 'MISSING' NAMES TO WAR MEMORIAL

Book researchers uncover 'the forgotten 51'

Report by **Henry James**

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Ex Services Association (SESA) have put together a book to commemorate the men and women from the town who died during the two World Wars – now they are calling on West Lancs Council to add 51 'missing' names, discovered by researchers, to the town's war memorial!

The Fallen Heroes of Skelmersdale was the culmination of two years' research and was put together with the help of the Skelmersdale schools Pupils Parliament, researcher Ann Robinson from Blackpool, and local historian, Chris Bently.

Former secretary of the association, Tony Hamer, also helped with further research and the compilation and attended the presentation of the book to Skelmersdale library on Saturday (November 7) in a ceremony timed to coincide with Remembrance Sunday.

Tony said: "The book contains 169 names of both local servicemen and civilians who died during the two World Wars and while sifting through the various records our researchers found that 51 names are missing from the Skelmersdale war memorial.

"Now we are hoping that the council will be able to add those names to the memorial – as is befitting to all our local fallen – as soon as possible."

Local Arctic convoys veteran Jack Norman Hall, who belatedly received his Ushakov medal from the Russian Embassy on behalf of President Putin in April this year, presented the book to head librarian, Noreen Martin.

The book will now be on display in a glass cabinet at the library and a further reference copy will

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Ex–servicemen Tony Hamer (left) and Jack Norman Hall show the book to librarian Noreen Martin (right), the mayor, Nikki Hennessy and Keeley Taberner of Woodland primary school. Code1085695

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County waste charge has led to fly–tipping rise, says councillor

By Henry James

A WEST Lancs councillor says fly–tipping on council–owned land has increased by almost 20% since Lancashire County Council introduced a new waste disposal charge for inert waste in July.

Figures showing 298 fly–tips were removed in the three months from July to September this year compared with 251 in the same period last year, were released following a question put by Derby ward councillor Adrian Owens at the recent council meeting on behalf of a concerned resident.

The Country Land and Business Association have also recently reported increases in fly–tipping on private land in the region.

However, West Lancs Council has said it is too early to say if the increases are due to the new charge brought in by the county council.

From June of this year residents who want to dispose of construction and demolition waste at the county's household waste recycling centres have needed to apply for a permit or face being charged.

Councillor Owens said: "Once again, this shows a lack of co–ordination between the two councils. While Lancashire County Council may be patting themselves on the back and counting extra income from their new waste disposal charge, the borough council and private landowners are having to deal with the clean–up costs of fly–tipping.

"Often, introducing charges such as these have unintended consequences. Residents frequently say to me that waste collection and disposal is a core service that they think should be funded through council tax."

A spokeswoman for West Lancs Council responded: "The figure given for the number of fly–tips attended by the council relates to fly–tipped debris that is on the public highway, not just on borough council–owned land.

"The figures are for all kinds of material that is fly–tipped – inert waste and other types of material. It is too early to assume this is because of the new charge brought in by the county council.

"Improving the local environment is a priority for the borough council. The council pursues individuals who do not dispose of their waste responsibly and our environmental enforcement officers will take action against any individual, if it is proven that they have fly–tipped waste.

"Problems with fly–tipping can be reported 24 hours a day on our website www.westlancs.gov.uk/flytipping or from 8.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday by calling customer services on 01695 577177."

Steve Scott, head of waste management at Lancashire County Council, said: "There's no reason why people would need to fly–tip as a result of our policy and more than 15,000 people have applied for and received permits allowing them to dispose of a quarter of a tonne of construction and demolition waste each year without charge.

"The county council has no statutory obligation to provide a service for people to dispose of waste such as soil, rubble and plasterboard and this policy has been introduced to reduce the estimated £750,000 annual cost of dealing with it."

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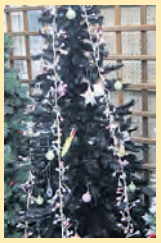
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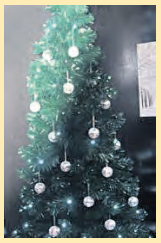
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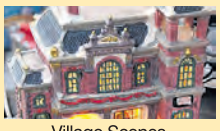
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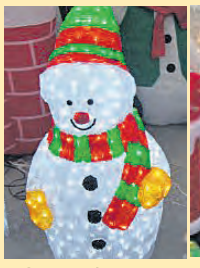
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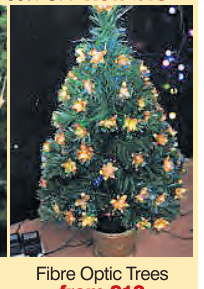
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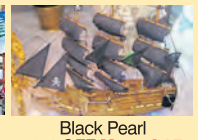
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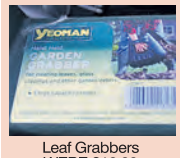
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Pupils encourage residents to 'take a walk on the wild side'

YOUNGSTERS at a local primary school are encouraging residents to 'take a walk on the wild side' by helping to design and create colourful interactive leaflets promoting nearby green space, Cobbs Clough.

Pupils at St James' Catholic Primary in Ashurst Road, Skelmersdale, wanted to inspire others to get out and explore their local parks and to help them discover wild flowers and local wildlife.

The School Council teamed up with conservation charity Plantlife to stage several outdoor workshops for the children who then came up with their own ideas for exploring and discovering parks, including picnics, bike rides, dog walking and environmental games.

The initiative was part of the charity's 'We're in the Wild' project, a three–year scheme, funded by the Big Lottery, helping to connect children and young people with their local green spaces.

The leaflet includes a wild flower spotter's guide with information on red campions, oak trees, beech trees and bluebells. It also features details on insects including centipedes, millipedes, woodlouses, ground beetles and earthworms.

Pupils and staff from St James' with the leaflets

Call for council to add missing names to town's war memorial

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be available in a few weeks time, for members of the public to use for research.

Also in attendance at the library presentation were Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, local veterans, Keeley Taberner, deputy head of Woodlands Primary Community School and pupils from the school who brought a selection of their 300 ceramic poppies.

The school are also planning on having a memorial garden and will be holding their own memorial service at the school starting at 11am today (Wednesday, November 11) attended by local veterans.

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "War memorials are incredibly important public monuments for our communities. They serve as reminders of past wars and the sacrifices made by the servicemen from within West Lancashire.

Emotive

"The council recognises that changing war memorials by adding or amending the names commemorated is a sensitive and emotive matter and one which needs careful consideration.

"The council has an approved protocol for dealing with requests to alter our war memorials. This protocol sets down a process which identifies how applications for adding or amending names on a memorial can be put forward and what information needs to be provided for the council to validate the application. The protocol also sets out how we will assess the proposal and come to a decision on the changes put forward.

"If we are sent this research through the usual application process we will look at it under our protocols."

Trust team scoop regional award

By **Henry James**

A GROUP of young people who were involved in the Skelmersdale Prince's Trust programme have been presented with prestigious regional award for creating a garden for a community group.

Members of the Skelmersdale Prince's trust Team 42 received the Fire and Rescue Service Community Impact Award at the Prince's Trust & Samsung Celebrate Success evening held at St George's Hall, Liverpool, last week.

Despite experiencing diverse challenges in their own lives, the eight young people from Skelmersdale came together to play their part in helping some of their community's most isolated people.

After meeting on the scheme, delivered in partnership with West Lancashire College and designed to equip unemployed young people with the skills and confidence they need to find work, the group invited three charities to 'pitch' for their help.

It was decided to help the Yewdale Counselling Service which is run by volunteers and helps many people in the local community.

Working together to brainstorm ideas, the team came up with a blueprint for a therapeutic garden that included creating different areas and installing individual seating areas.

Prince's Trust Team 42 with their award

The project took four weeks to transform the garden into a tranquil haven and often saw the team working at weekends and late into the night. They even repainted rooms inside the centre with subtle colour schemes specifically chosen to create a relaxing environment for users of the counselling service.

Bonding

Louise Roberts, Prince's Trust team leader at West Lancashire College, said: "I've never seen a process of bonding like this team displayed. They had many issues and barriers to overcome before they started the programme, but the continuous support they displayed towards each other was outstanding."

All eight Team 42 members have since progressed into employment, education or training.

The team will now go through to the National Celebrate Success Awards to be held next spring.

Mark Cashin, deputy chief officer of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and chair of the Fire Service Prince's Trust Association said: " I would like to congratulate Skelmersdale Team 42 for winning such a prestigious award. Every member of the team should be extremely proud of their personal achievements and the significant changes they've made in their community."

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Grant is grounds for club celebration!

Lord Pendry, president of the Football Foundation and West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper present the cheque to Burscough Dynamo FC chairman, Simon Kenyon surrounded by club officials and players

BUDDING soccer stars at Burscough Dynamo FC can look forward to playing their matches on new, improved pitches after being awarded £98,048 from the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund.

The current pitches at their Abbey Lane home are in a state of poor repair with postponements commonplace during wet weather.

But the new surfaces will mean that games and training sessions can continue throughout the year without the risk of waterlogging leading to training or matches being cancelled.

The club, already a focal point for the local sporting community, are aiming to develop more routes into the game for prospective players, including increasing their mini soccer section, provision for girls and ladies, as well as open–age football. It is hoped the upgraded facilities will also help to attract more volunteers and coaches.

Officials at Burscough Dynamo worked in partnership with Liverpool County FA to secure the grant while Sport England's Protecting Playing Fields also contributed £65,000 towards the £275,048 development and the club received a further £112,000 from West Lancs Council.

Local community groups will be able to hire the facilities for sport and leisure activities.

West Lancs MP, Rosie Cooper, who presented the cheque along with Lord Pendry, president of the Football Foundation, said: "This funding will significantly improve Burscough Dynamo FC's playing surfaces and help avoid waterlogging and fixture cancellations. I look forward to seeing the pitches once they are completed and wish the club and West Lancs Council all the best for the future."

Lord Pendry commented: "The club have worked extremely hard alongside West Lancs Council and Liverpool County FA, and I look forward to seeing Burscough go from strength to strength as a result of this grant."

Simon Kenyon, chairman of Burscough Dynamo, said: "Thanks to the Football Foundation, through the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund, Sport England and West Lancs Council, the club will now have a base to call home after many years playing at various venues across West Lancashire.

"We aim to continue working in the community to provide football for people of all ages. We are always looking for more people to join our club in various capacities and would encourage more people to become involved in coaching our many teams.

"In conjunction with the council we will also try and develop other sports and the facility will be available for the community to hire."

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, the councils portfolio holder for leisure, added: "We are delighted to have reached an agreement with Burscough Dynamo FC for them to take over the lease. We all look forward to seeing Abbey Lane thrive again and give them and other community clubs a base they can call home."

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The town remembers...

MEMBERS of the public, local veterans and representatives from uniformed organisations throughout West Lancashire joined civic dignitaries including Deputy Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage and West Lancs Council's managing director (Transformation) Kim Webber for the annual Remembrance Sunday parade and ceremony.

The parade marched from Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale to the war memorial on Sandy Lane for a service and poppy wreath–laying ceremony, which included a two–minute silence, Last Post and Reveille.

This was followed by a march–past and salute in front of the war memorial, with the parade then marching back to Liverpool Road.

Mayor of West Lancashire Councillor Nikki Hennessy, who atended ceremonies in Ormskirk and Burscough, said: "We must never forget the people who have sacrificed so much to protect our freedom. This is why Remembrance Sunday is so important as it is the day we come together to honour those who have served their country.

The poppy wreath–laying ceremony at the war memorial Code1085702

"My husband and I spent more than 30 years serving in the Territorial Army so I was really pleased with the turn–out at the services and parades across the borough.

"It was heartening to see so many people who are serving in our armed forces, and our local veterans, together at the services with residents both young and old who gathered with pride to pay their respects to those who have made such sacrifice."

A Remembrance Sunday Service was also held in Up Holland.

Tribute bridges generation gap

Young and old alike gathered to honour the town's fallen at the annual Remembrance Sunday parade and ceremony. Code 1085722

School supports campaign to give racism the boot!

STAFF and pupils at a local high school have raised £370 for a campaign that aims to stamp out racism in sport.

Lathom High School raised the money during Wear Red Day 2015 on Friday, October 23 when schools, businesses and other organisations across England were encouraged to wear red to promote messages of unity, solidarity and anti–racism.

The day was promoted by Show Racism the Red Card, the UK's anti–racism educational charity which utilises the high–profile status of football and football players to help tackle racism in society.

In the week leading up to the event, tutors at the school in Glenburn Road, Skelmersdale, showed videos highlighting the different forms that racism takes, while members of Miss Norris' drama class performed a play about the assassination of Martin Luther King which moved fellow students to tears.

The Lathom High pupils and staff who took part in Show Racism The Red Card

On the day, students and staff paid a pound to wear items of red clothing and there was a cake sale and inventive lucky dip, created by Year 10 pupil Patrick McLean.

Meanwhile, Tom Drake and a team from Wigan Athletic Trust's Community Cohesion, which runs sessions in Skelmersdale for young people, joined the school for the day. They manned a stall, giving out bags and promotional literature, as well as helping out with an inter–house football tournament and donating two match tickets to each member of the winning team, Radcliffe House.

A spokesman for the school said: "Thanks to all staff and students for getting behind the event and making it a whole–school success."

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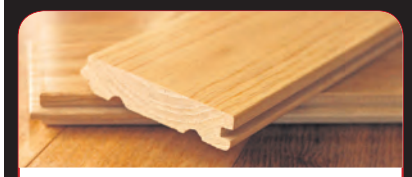

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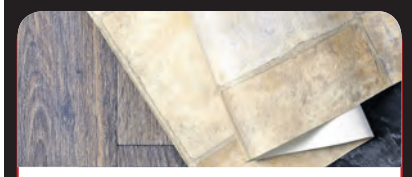

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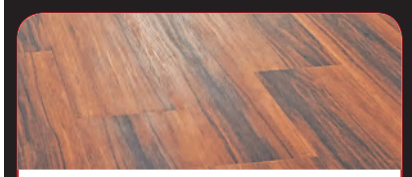

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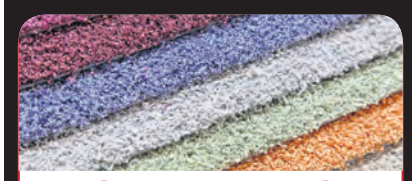

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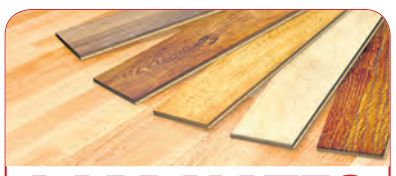

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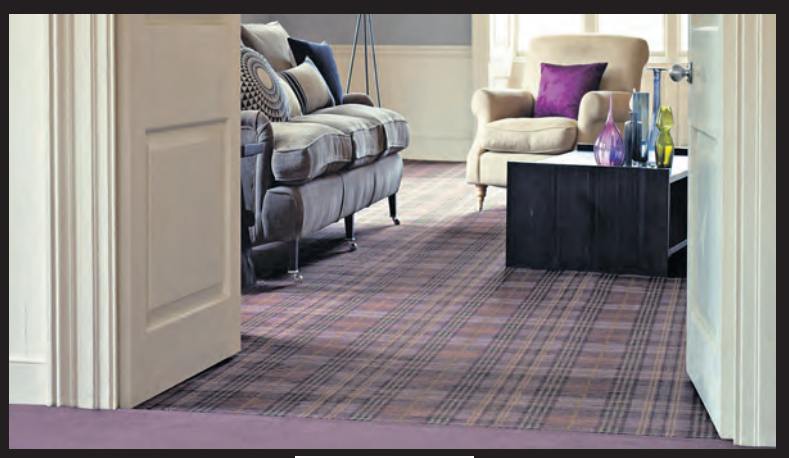

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Men–Aces and Youth Academy to share home

By **Henry James**

SKELMERSDALE United's Youth Academy and the Skem Men–Aces are set to share a new 'home' at Chequer Lane Playing Fields in Up Holland.

Officers at West Lancs Council have recommended approval of proposals, due to be discussed at the cabinet meeting last night (Tuesday, November 10) to allow the two teams to use the venue

The council had been approached by the teams to lease the area as formal football pitches and build changing rooms at the site.

Measuring about 5.41 hectares, it is estimated the site could accommodate three full–size pitches, four junior pitches, an area for parking and changing facilities.

The youth academy is a charter development club for juniors, affiliated to Skelmersdale United and Liverpool FA. It currently has 22 junior teams of different ages and a membership of around 300 players.

For the last 11 years they have used the Tower Hill Playing Fields in Up Holland for training but are keen to acquire a site for a permanent home ground where they could build changing rooms for use by the local community building and feel Chequer Lane is an ideal location.

Meanwhile the Skem Men–Aces is a charter standard club for adult males with disabilities with a squad of 50 players. Although the Men–Aces have been established for six years they currently have no permanent facilities that they can call home.

Both clubs have stressed to the council that they are keen to secure the Chequer Lane site and believe they can raise the resources required to create the facilities they need.

In their report for the cabinet meeting David Tilleray, the council's assistant director of community services, and Bob Livermore, assistant director of housing and regeneration, state: "Both of the clubs that have made these requests are worthy causes and members may feel that they merit support from the council by way of entering into formal agreements for them to use council–owned land to develop their clubs with the resultant benefit for the local community."

It is proposed to enter into a licence agreement with the academy to use an area of the land, along with a lease arrangement for a new changing pavilion on the site of the former changing rooms.

The council would also enter into a community use agreement with the Men–Aces, which would allow them to use a pitch and the changing pavilion when required.

Man found at Skem address jailed for breaching injunction

A MAN found at a Skelmersdale address has been jailed for nine months after breaching the conditions of his gang injunction.

Adrian Moore appeared before Liverpool County Court and admitted breaching the injunction order.

The 31–year–old had been found at an address in Skelmersdale with a woman who he had been prohibited from associating with as part of the injunction.

Moore was arrested and later found to have breached a further two parts of the order by associating with three men in the Merseyside area and threatening violence towards police officers.

Store donation will make a difference for youth group

McCOLL'S convenience store in Ashurst, Skelmersdale has nominated Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY) as one of their good causes and has given them funds through their Making A Difference Locally scheme.

SAY, which has a proven track record of working with young people in the town, was put forward to receive the money by the manager of the shop, Helen Hayter.

Alan Lewis from SAY said: "We would like to say a great big thank–you to all the staff at McColl's Ashurst for their donation to Skelmersdale Action For Youth. The young people who participate in Crazy Carts also want to show their appreciation."

Leaders at SAY have been running activities for the last 27 years including big ball, tug–a–war, turfboarding/sledging, canoeing courses, residential weekends away and conferences like anti–bullying for children and adults.

The youth group work closely with different agencies including Lancashire Police, the Early Action Team, Lancashire Fire & Rescue, the Community Safety Partnership, the police and crime commisioner, Lancashire Crown Prosecution Service, the Community Foundation For Lancashire and Wigan Community Trust.

SAY and the agencies aim to build stronger community by working with young people.

The group is currently running a Crazy Cart session for seven to 12–year–olds at Evermoor Hub in Birleywood. This will give youngsters the chance to speed around a course and the racer with the best time will receive a prize on the night. The carts can reach speeds of 15mph and can also do 360–degree spins.

Helen Hayter hands the cheque to Alan Lewis

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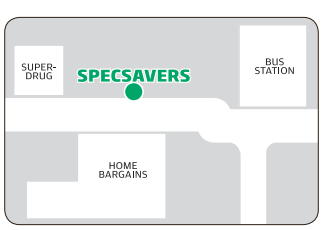

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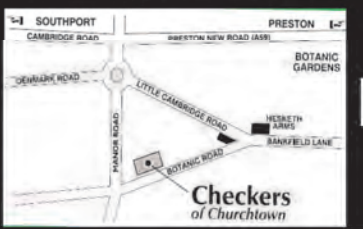

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Police week of action aimed at raising awareness of child sexual exploitation

LANCASHIRE Constabulary have launched a week of activity aimed at continuing to raise awareness of how to tackle child sexual exploitation – with a focus on the increasing number of victims targeted online.

Officers will work in conjunction with partners from local councils, trading standards, schools, leisure centres, hotels, the NHS and children's charities to focus on prevention, awareness, enforcement and engagement with communities.

During the week, there will be visits to schools, children's centres, libraries, children's homes and takeaways.

There will also be training for doctors and nurses at GP surgeries and hospitals on the signs of child sexual exploitation.

Between April 2014 and March 2015, Lancashire Constabulary received more than 1,500 child sexual exploitation referrals and 529 crimes related to CSE were recorded.

In addition, the online child abuse investigation team dealt with 237 potential instances of downloading of indecent images of children or online grooming. Since April this year there has been a significant increase with 339 instances dealt with to date.

Detective Inspector Tony Baxter from Lancashire Constabulary's public protection unit, said: "The public quite rightly expects us to protect children from being exploited, particularly as new threats emerge such as online grooming through gaming and chat forums, an area that we are highlighting through this year's awareness week.

"We would encourage anyone who has been, or knows someone who has been, sexually abused, groomed or exploited to come forward and contact police confident in the knowledge they will be dealt with sensitively and professionally."

If you are concerned about a young person you know, call Lancashire Constabulary on 101. In an emergency, always dial 999.

You can also visit www.lancashire.police.uk/cse for more information.

Fight to save court goes on

By **Danielle Thompson**

ROSIE Cooper has met with representatives from Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service to make clear her continued opposition to the proposal to close Ormskirk Magistrates' Court.

The West Lancs MP has submitted formal objections to the proposal to Courts Minister, Shailesh Vara, as well as opposing plans for the merger of local justice areas into a single justice area for Lancashire.

When the proposed closure was announced in July Ms Cooper immediately signalled her opposition to the move saying that it would weaken the delivery of local justice in West Lancashire.

Following her meeting with HM Courts and Tribunals Service, she said: "I firmly believe that HM Courts and Tribunals Service, aided and abetted by Whitehall officials at the Ministry of Justice, have a long–standing determination to see Ormskirk Magistrates' Court close – a closure which saves money and is simpler for those running the courts but not for the benefit or in the interests of the residents who need to access local courts.

"Let's not forget that nine years ago we successfully fought off attempts to close the court. Now with the government slashing budgets an opportunity has presented itself to finally close Ormskirk Magistrates' Courts.

"For these proposals to be reliant on investment in new technology, requiring it to always work when needed, as well as relying on public transport running to time, if at all, tells me this proposal is based on theory with no experience of this area, geographically or its lack of transport facilities and infrastructure.

"I have challenged the HM Courts and Tribunals Service to make the journey using public transport from the West Lancashire boundary through to Preston for an early–morning appointment.

"I am also concerned and outraged that we are completely scrapping the principle of local justice.

"We face an uphill challenge but I will continue to fight in opposing these plans as neither those in Preston or London care about what this means for West Lancashire."

On song for hospice

A SINGING group made up of six friends have raised more than £2,000 for charity with two concerts.

Pic 'n' Mix – podiatrist Heather Gawne, GP Gary Simpson, nursery nurse Charlotte Taylor, clinical psychologist Jenny Armstrong, consultant surgeon Suzanne Gawne and education manager Simon Taylor – staged concerts at the British Legion in Burscough and the Aughton Institute raising £2,021 for Queenscourt Hospice.

Gary Simpson said: "We'd like to thank the venues for their hospitality and the people who came to offer their support."

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Legal team stride out for just cause

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF from Skelmersdale–based solicitors, Scott Rees and Co. raised more than £270 for a just cause by taking part in the annual Liverpool Legal Walk.

Led by the Gardiners Place company's catastrophic injury partner, Chris Walker – who was among the founders of the event three years ago – the nine–strong team of legal eagles pounded the city's pavements to raise £273.63 for the North West Legal Support Trust (NWLST) which supports vulnerable people who are unable to afford legal representation.

Theme for this year's walk was Magna Carta, in recognition of the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the historic document to highlight its signficance and relevance to access to justice to this day.

The money raised will now go towards helping to secure access to legal representation for causes including families fighting to keep their homes, pensioners denied legal aid, women and child victims of trafficking, domestic servitude or prostitution.

Chris Walker said: "It really is fantastic that three years on from helping to arrange the first–ever Liverpool Legal Walk, it continues to grow stronger year upon year.

"Legal representation should not be exclusive to the privileged, it should be accessible to those who need it, regardless of background, race, gender or circumstances and it's good that we have been able to do our bit to contribute towards helping the vulnerable to get the support they need, when they need it.

"It was great to see us get a strong team of walkers out on a cold night in late October and it goes to show how much the legal system and being able to provide the service we specialise in means to us.

"This year is the 800th anniversary of the most important piece of legal legislation to have been passed in British history – the Magna Carta – and events, such as these, are extremely fitting."

Joining Chris in the Scott Rees and Co. team were Claire Campbell, Georgia Gaffney, Rachel Marlow, Aimee Hill, Amanda Rodden, Kirsty Matthews, Sharon King and Sam Walker.

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Golfers are right to have concerns about so–called improvements to course

I HAVE every sympathy with the members of Beacon Park Golf Club and their concerns at the course redevelopment reported in the Champion.

Golfers have every right to be annoyed at having to cross the unsightly 'temporary' brick, concrete and stone waste access road and watch these materials being dumped whenever they play.

The 'borough council spokesman' who thinks that the new nine–hole course approved by the planning committee in 2011 is being built should go and have a look! The mounds are so steep the balls will roll off and the height is both intrusive and visible from Beacon Lane above the hedge

The tipping of rubble, broken brick, concrete and stone on the driving range is also a stupid idea. Why is 35,000 cubic metres of rubble needed to create a few target greens?

The imminent start of this phase of the so–called improvements will not improve facilities but will be a profitable surface landfill presented as golf course improvement. Surface landfill of rubbish is not permitted by the county council. As a concerned local resident I call on the West Lancashire Borough Council and its partner Serco Leisure to stop this nonsense immediately.

I, and many others, walk to the Beacon Country Park from Skelmersdale along the pedestrian–only section of Elmers Green Lane that runs beneath Stannanought Road up to the golf clubhouse. Wagons will frequently cross this long–established lane, leaving mud and creating danger by their presence and exhaust fumes for pedestrians and cyclists.

Does the council intend that we should all stop taking exercise and drive via Up Holland or Dalton when we take children and grandchildren to the excellent play equipment in the country park? Or does it simply wish to reduce usage of both the golf course and country park so they can be sold off?

David Cheetham, Skelmersdale

Skelmersdale can't be a town without amenities

COULD I take this chance to put some of my thoughts to the people who run Skelmersdale?

First, I would like them to stop calling it a New Town. To me a town should have amenities that the people can use and places such as a hospital, railway station, decent bus service, large shops and cemetery.

When my family came here 40 years ago we were promised all of these things and we are still waiting.

When are the people who run the council going to get off their backsides and do something? Every once in a while they say such a thing is going to be done and it never is. Aren't they ashamed of it all? I mean, 40 years to get something done, are they so smug in their jobs that they don't have to bother?

Also, there is talk of two cinemas getting built in Skelmersdale. Why do we need two picture houses?

Every other place has got all the things that I've mentioned, so why can't we? Is it going to take another 40 years before anything is done?

So, come on you people who run the council, stop arguing among yourselves and thinking up excuses you keep giving us, and saying things that will never happen, get something done for this overspill area of Liverpool.

Until you get us amenities, Skelmersdale can never be called a New Town.

David Carter, Skelmersdale

PICTURE of the week

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Making the most of a brief sunny respite from the wind and rain at the weekend this dog decided to finish off a stroll through the park with a cooling drink from the water feature at Southport's Kings Gardens. Picture by Martyn Snape. Code: 1085734.

Thrilled about our new wind turbine

ALL I seem to hear about is residents hating the new wind turbine in Skelmersdale – but I absolutely love it. The kids will never be lost again!

I know that I am in the minority here but I love having such an unusual new landmark that marks out Skelmersdale so prominently. I might be the only one but I am thrilled!

Skelmersdale resident (name and address supplied)

Letter was unfair to hard–working Rosie

THE letter by Jim Givens (Champion, October 21) about Rosie Cooper was grossly unfair.

She doesn't sit in her office, she gets out amongst her constitutents, which is why she is photographed doing the job she is paid to do.

I've lived in various parts of the country and haven't known an MP as conscientious as Rosie – long may she reign!

Mary Morris, Burscough

Ormskirk was a thriving market town long before Edge Hill became a university

IN response to D. A.'s letter (Champion, October 28) I would suggest that Ormskirk residents are equally tired by Edge Hill's claims that its students bring a huge boost to the local economy.

How exactly? Students use the supermarkets and a few of the shops, but this is negligible compared to residents shopping for entire families.

The rest goes to bars and restaurants, not necessarily owned by local people, and it is difficult to see how this benefits Ormskirk.

Their rented houses are owned by out–of–town landlords who would have the whole town centre converted to a student campus if they could, while attractive streets are blighted by the sight of shabbily–kept student properties who pay no council tax.

Edge Hill does employ a number of local people but not as many as Ormskirk Hospital does.

D. A. remarks that 'Ormskirk is evolving into a place the people should be proud to say the university is sited in.' Well, not really. Edge Hill is hardly a Russell Group university.

I assume D. A. is a newcomer or is employed at Edge Hill. Ormskirk dates back to the 1100s and has a Royal Charter from 1286 – it has been evolving for some time.

When Edge Hill was a teacher training college Ormskirk was a thriving market town with locally–owned shops and businesses and the town centre was a desirable place to live. As Edge Hill has continued to expand properties nearby have likely been devalued and residents' right to a peaceful existence spoiled.

I'm sure that the majority of Edge Hill's students behave well but it can't be denied that a number do not. I accept this is not entirely the responsibility of the university but they can't keep claiming that Ormskirk is better for their expanding presence.

D. A.'s comment that if people now do not like living here they should move is audacious and asinine. Edge Hill is no doubt here to stay but it does not own Ormskirk and residents are entitled to uphold what they have bought into, in what they paid for their houses and the life they expected to live in a small market town.

Mrs P. A., Lathom resident

Where else would this 'shambles' be allowed?

SO, one of West Lancs Council's joint managing directors has agreed to accept redundancy/early retirement with a pay–off of £90k plus a pension of £50k a year.

It is four years since Bill Taylor retired with a pay–off of £240k after 14 years service. West Lancs then promoted two lady managing directors, Gil Rowe, council solicitor and Kim Webber, stating this was the cheaper option – buy one get one free!

And here we go again, after four years of council shambles, they have got it all wrong, so let's start again, with just one. Another cheaper option. Where else would this be allowed?

We have the St Modwen Town Centre conflicting with the Concourse proposals and the council committing £2million to St Modwen. Council spending is profligate as if nothing matters.

There is the White Moss debacle, Walkers Crisp Turbine installed by stealth, the Beacon golf course fiasco, Ormskirk Hospital with four directors suspended, all very secret.

Also the Sandy Lane Centre car parking kerfuffle costing £60k without a result.

Oh, and lastly there is going to be a new pub near Asda. All is not lost.

Graham Walker, Up Holland

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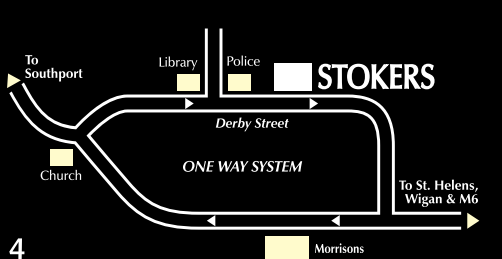

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College under fire for axing A Level department

West Lancashire College

By **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire College's decision to close down its A Level department from next year has come under fire.

The college announced the controversial move earlier in the year saying it was "due to changes in funding across the FE sector and a need to realign our staffing and provision to meet local need."

But the move has been met with anger locally with claims that the college is failing the youth of Skelmersdale.

A Champion reader, who asked to remain anonymous, wrote: "The decision to close down the A Level department at West Lancashire College was made by a group in Newcastle who have no interests in the people of Skelmersdale. They do not remotely care for the youth within the catchment area.

"The people who have made this decision only care about maximising their results by introducing new courses which don't require the same academic ability and are not regarded in the same light by future employers and universities. In my opinion this is simply unacceptable."

The reader claimed that many locals who wanted to do A levels this year had been refused the opportunity by the college's decision and added: "Skelmersdale has only just got back its A Level department, surely they haven't given it enough of a chance to succeed, or fail for that matter. The fact is that the courses haven't been around long enough for a truly informed decision to be made.

"The 'feel' around the college is that they are only doing the A2s this year because if they didn't there would be outrage and the college would have bad press."

A spokesperson for West Lancashire College said: "We took the decision to phase out A Level provision fully by 2016 due to falling numbers of 16 to 18–year–olds in West Lancashire, significant changes to the examination structure and competition from other local providers, all of which have had an impact on the numbers of students wishing to study A Levels at the college.

"We remain committed to the success of our current A Level learners who will continue their studies with us. All those who applied to study A Levels from September have been offered individual support, including help with applying for alternative provision at the college or assistance in securing a place with other local A Level providers. We have worked closely with other schools and colleges in the area and so far everyone who has asked for support has received offers on alternative courses."

Burscough bakery scoops prestigious award

A SPECIALIST bakery in Burscough has scooped a top prize in a prestigious competition.

Julie and David Peeks, who run Artisan Foodworks at Merlin Park on Ringtail Road, supplying cafés, tea shops, delis, farm shops, restaurants and hotels across the North West, won silver for their fruit teacakes at the World Bread Awards held at Cathedral Hall, Westminster.

The couple, who have a combined 60 years' experience in the food industry, were delighted by their success in the awards which featured more than 1,000 breads and 70 judges!

Julie said: "We are thrilled that the judges awarded us silver especially against such notable competition."

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New website for heritage group

A NEW website is being launched for Lathom Park Trust.

The trust promotes the historical and archaeological significance of Lathom Park, which is believed to date back to at least the early 13th–century.

The new site, lathomparktrust.org.uk, has replaced the former site (which will become inactive in December) and aims to keep members of the public fully informed about their work.

They have also launched a page on social media site Facebook (search for Lathom Park Trust).

Trust chairman, Paul Kenyon said: "We hope that people will bear with us as parts of the new site are still under construction. The new site will be more dynamic and informative."

Members of Diving4Fun with coaches at Code Jalisco training camp in Mexico

Young divers' brush with hurricane!

By Danielle Thompson

YOUNG divers from a West Lancs club narrowly avoided being caught up in a hurricane during a trip to Mexico to undertake specialist training.

The 11–stong–party from Diving4Fun, all aged between seven and 16, were en route to the training camp in Guadalajara on Friday, October 23 when their flights were grounded in the USA for 24 hours after it was feared their journey would take them into the path of Hurricane Patricia.

The divers and their families were forced to stop off in Atlanta, Georgia and in Houston and Dallas in Texas.

After delays of between 15 and 24 hours they were finally re–directed to Mexico.

Hurricane Patricia, a 200mph tropical storm, orginated in the Gulf of Tehuantepec on Tuesday, October 20, moving across to Cuixmala near Jalisco on October 23 before dissipating the following day.

After a tense wait, the young divers flew on to Code Jalisco, which offers Olympic–standard training facilities and world–class training alongside Olympic medallists and world champion divers.

Aim of the camp was to provide Diving4Fun squad with first–hand experience of how elite divers physically and mentally prepare for competitions, while also learning new skills from athletes who execute the most complex dives in the world.

They enjoyed twice–daily training, including sessions with Ivan Garcia and German Sanchez, who are preparing for the 2016 Rio Olympics.

During their stay, the club's head coach, Carlos Ferra, was interviewed on national TV channel, Azteca Deporte Caliente Jal.

Carlos said: "We would like to thank Code Jalisco for allowing us to train at their facilities. The venue is truly world–class and as they don't usually allow clubs access to their facilities it was a real honour to be welcomed.

"Our young divers have received a once–in–a–lifetime experience and I am extremely proud of the hard work and commitment they have shown."

• The club is keen to recruit new members. As well as weekly training sessions at Nye Bevan swimming pool in Skelmersdale, there is also trampoline training at Glenburn Sports College. For more information, email diving@bd4f or visit www.bd4f.co.uk.

They're having a ball in aid of school funds!

A GLITTERING winter ball is being held to raise funds for St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Ormskirk.

The Parent–Teacher Association (PTA) at the school in Aughton Road are hosting their black–tie Gold and Glitz Winter Ball at the Ramada Hotel in Southport on Friday, November 13 from 7pm to 12.30am.

The PTA was set up two years ago by parents, Claudine Bolster, Claire Jones, Cheryl Singleton and Barry Coy to raise money for new school resources.

Since then they have raised around £18,000 which has helped to provide laptops and iPads for the school.

The ball will feature a three–course dinner, entertainment by live band, The Undecided who, as well as being talented musicians, are also doctors at Ormskirk Hospital, plus DJ.

And there will be an auction with prizes including holidays to Mallorca and Seville provided by the sponsors Barcelo Hotels and Resorts, weekends at Hilton Hotels in the UK and Europe, jewellery and signed Liverpool and Everton FC items.

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Academic slams police budget cuts formula

AN academic consulted by Lancashire police chiefs has criticised the proposed funding formula used by the government to calculate cuts to forces' budgets as "inadequate".

Under the proposals Lancashire Constabulary could face huge cuts by 2020 on top of the £74 million savings they have already made.

The force is expected to be one of the worst hit in the government's funding review this month, with an extra 13% of cuts (£24.8million), while the comprehensive spending review is expected to wipe another 25 to 40% (£41m to £64m) off the budgets in a double–whammy of cuts.

Lancashire's police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw asked leading academic, Dr Les Humphreys, to evaluate the Police Funding Formula.

The quantitative criminology lecturer said that the formula lacks robustness, is too narrow and does not adequately consider demand for police services.

He says that it is based on just four variables and that there is "no theoretical or empirical evidence to say they are the best indicators" to predict crime demand in a force area.

Mr Grunshaw and chief constable, Steve Finnigan, have questioned the cuts as the force currently costs less per head of population than most other forces and has never been over–funded.

Dr Humphreys said: "The Home Office should subject the proposals to a peer review as I am sure there would be some questions about the methodology used."

He added that in his opinion alarm bells should have been ringing when the new formula was seen to so adversely affect one force and not their most similar group as all should be affected in the same way if the variables used were robust.

He claims that of 25 quantitative variables that could have been used to calculate police demand, there was no statistical or theoretical evidence to justify why the four chosen were used.

And he added: "If the Home Office is trying to create an evidence–based policy it is not clear what the evidence is they have used. The statistical procedures used are not adequate and there is nothing to suggest the variables they have chosen are good indicators or not. The way the process has been undertaken is problematic and there is no evidence this is a good model."

Dr Humphreys' report was submitted to the Home Office as part of the force's response to the funding review consultation which closed on Friday, November 6.

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The awards acknowledge and promote the importance of good–quality development and building design in the borough.

The Court Leet pub in Wheatsheaf Walk, Ormskirk won the renovation/conversion category, while judges also gave a commendation to the conversion of Smithy Nook Barn, Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick, which involved turning a barn into a home.

Winner of the commercial category was the Creative Edge development at Edge Hill University, and there were commendations for the West Lancashire Youth Zone, Skelmersdale; the IVF Clinic, Wrightington; Booths' store, Burscough; and the Salt and Liquor Bar, Derby Street, Ormskirk.

The Residential Award was won by Narrow Lane Farm, Aughton with the extension at Quarry Farm, Pinfold Lane, Scarisbrick earning a commendation.

Narrow Lane Farm also won the sustainability 'green' category award.

The Landscaping category award went to Coronation Court in County Road, Ormskirk, a retirement living development by McCarthy and Stone. And the remodelling of a landscaping bed in Victoria Park, Ormskirk was commended.

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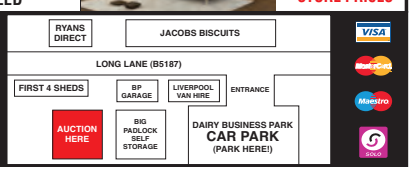

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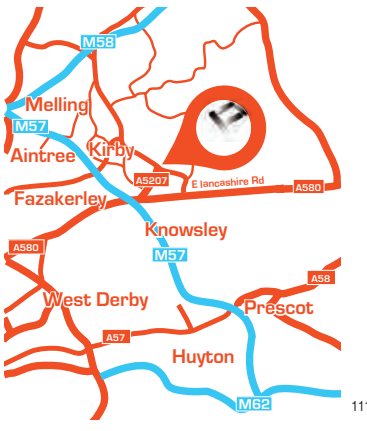

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VICTIMS of road traffic collisions will be remembered at a service in Lancashire on Sunday (November 15).

The World Day of Remembrance Service is one of thousands being held globally to support families and friends of road traffic victims and honour the work of the emergency services.

Anyone who has been affected by loss or injury following a road traffic collision is invited to attend the service hosted by the chairman of Lancashire County Council, Margaret Brindle, who will be joined by representatives from the police, fire and ambulance services. The multi–faith service starts at 11.30am in the chapel in Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Fishergate, Preston.

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Over–40s urged to take up free health checks

County Councillor Margaret Brindle having an NHS health check

GET checked out! That's the message to over–40s from the chairman of Lancashire County Council, Margaret Brindle.

County Councillor Brindle is encouraging West Lancs residents aged 40–74 to take up a free health screening at their local GP surgery to help lower the risk of developing heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, type 2 diabetes and some types of dementia.

Since April more than 21,000 people have already had a free NHS health check in Lancashire.

If any underlying symptoms are diagnosed, advice and support will be given to help you lower the risk of developing a disabling – but preventable – vascular disease.

Research shows that health checks could save as many as 650 lives each year in England.

The 'Stay healthy for the ones you love' campaign encourages those who don't want a free health check to do it for the ones they love.

Advice

Cllr. Brindle said: "The NHS Health Check provides a real opportunity for people to take control of their own health and it is encouraging to see so many people in Lancashire actively engaging in this.

"I had a health check recently and it only took 20 minutes. The health check looks at your lifestyle, weight, family medical history, cholesterol levels and blood pressure.

"If the health professional picks up on any factors which could lead to health problems, you'll be given advice and support to help you lower your risk meaning you're more likely to enjoy a healthier life for longer."

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Sugar tax idea leaves a sour taste

I REALLY have no reason to worry at all!

Nothing these days is my fault.

Whatever I may do, or not do, is the fault of someone or something quite outside my control.

Mind you, nobody is ever expected to be responsible for their actions these days – so I guess someone else must be. Oh hell – perhaps it could be me.

Complicated stuff this thinking lark.

What's brought this on is this latest ripping wheeze to prevent us from all getting fat – particularly our children who, naturally, we are not really responsible for at all.

A sugar tax. Now why didn't we think of this before – perhaps at the same time as the tobacco taxes?

I suppose this means that even removing tempting displays of sweets from supermarket checkouts has failed to prevent our offspring from demanding such from their parents – who have long since apparently dropped the word 'NO' from their lexicon.

It probably would infringe the human rights of their chubby little chaps and chapesses.

But this time the pill has been sugared by the idea that the extra money raised through the Sugar Tax will all go to improving the NHS.

Oh – was that a pig I just spotted flying over the roof tops?

If only we could all revert to being as responsible for our own actions – and their consequences – as we seem to be for those of everybody else, then I reckon this world would be a far simpler and nicer place.

Anyway, if paying over the odds for my occasional chocolate bar is really going to reduce the level of childhood obesity and all the health risks that brings in its wake, then hopefully in the future the NHS won't need as much extra cash anyway.

Why everybody these days appears to 'need help' to stop doing awful things to themselves, or start doing healthy ones, totally defeats me.

I am certainly no paragon, nor do I think my willpower is any greater than the norm.

But many years ago, just to save me money, I did pack in smoking. For all of a year.

Then I decided to re–start, for no better reason than I remembered that I used to enjoy it. And that any cash I saved I had spent on alcoholic drink.

Which made me very poorly and led to the only time in my life that I have been a patient in hospital.

My consultant (who looked and sounded just like Sir Lancelot Spratt of Carry On Doctor fame) told me that if I didn't cut the drinking down – a lot – I would be dead in months rather than years. Which is a sobering thought.

So I said I simply would give up consuming alcoholic liquor, and despite the scepticism of doctors, family and friends, I did.

And apart from a few liquor chocolates around Christmas, I have had but one alcoholic beverage in the last 30–odd years. That one was a bottle of lager (and I never did like lager) that an elderly gentleman I was interviewing had saved specially for me – and I simply didn't want to disappoint him.

It's simple really. If you want to stay sober, don't drink. If you want to stay trim, cut down on what you eat, try walking to the shops – and buy a dog

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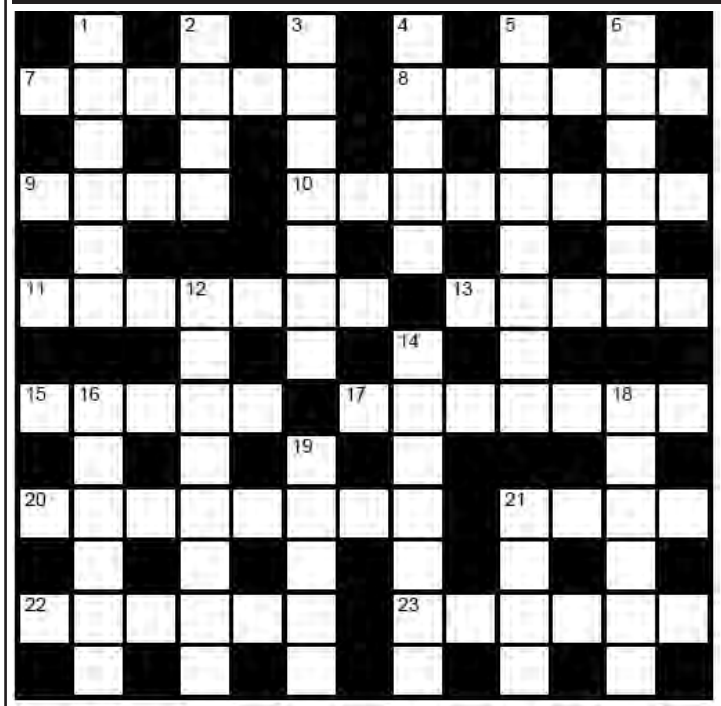

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Across: 7 Double-checked. 8 Cold sore. 9 Omit. 10 New moon. 12 Skunk. 14 Ethos. 16 Hipster. 19 Tact. 20 Twilight. 22 Steering wheel.

Down: 1 Togo. 2 Ibidem. 3 Aerosol. 4 Thief. 5 O'clock. 6 Reliance. 11 Extracts. 13 Vikings. 15 Outset. 17 Smithy. 18 Stain. 21 Heed.

ACROSS

7 Former Spanish currency (6)
8 Flowers (6)
9 Common abbreviation for the former Soviet Union (4)
10 Roomy (8)
11 Filled with people (7)
13 White heron (5)
15 Mooring (5)
17 Convert waste into reusable material (7)
20 Drink taken before bedtime (8)
21 Lodgings (4)
22 Deeply distressing or disturbing experience (6)
23 Impoverished or slum area of a city (6)

DOWN

1 Hot spring (6)
2 Hoofed ruminant of the family Cervidae (4)
3 Burrowing rodent kept as a pet (7)
4 German submarine of first and second world wars (5)
5 With great affection (8)
6 Adulterated (6)
12 Be vigilant! (5,3)
14 Hypertext document connected to the Internet (3,4)
16 Person who leaves their own country to settle in another (6)
18 Sheep or pig's lungs used as pet food (6)
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Starling spectacle at Mere!

Starlings at Martin Mere. Pic by David Fyles

A LARGE starling roost can be seen at Martin Mere for the first time since 2009.

Staff at the Burscough wetland centre believe there are approximately 15,000 starlings at the reserve.

The birds disperse during the day but return from 4pm onwards with a 10–minute spectacle, creating shapes in the sky as they prepare to roost for the evening.

In 2009, up to 25,000 starlings used the reserve.

Centre manager, Nick Brooks, said: "We can expect numbers of these starlings to rise as we get closer to Christmas so we should see an amazing starling display.

"Everyone loves to see the birds as they create shapes in the sky and it's great to see them finally return to the centre as our reedbed has become more and more established. This display should not be missed."

The best views of the birds display is from the Harrier hide from 4pm onwards.

Starlings spend a lot of the year in flocks. They are smaller than blackbirds, with a short tail, pointed head, triangular wings. They appear black from a distance but when seen closer they are glossy with a sheen of purples and greens.

Meanwhile, more than 200 Whooper swans are now using Martin Mere and daily swan feeds have started for visitors to get up close at 3pm from the swan link hide and 3.30pm from Raines Observatory.

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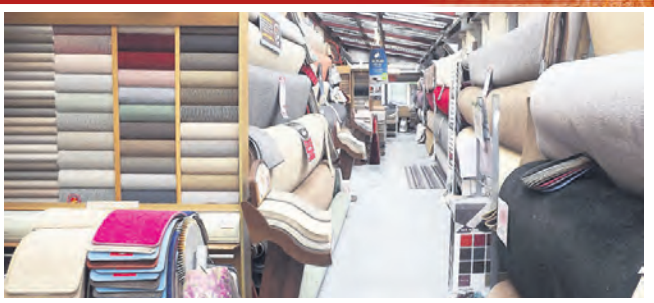

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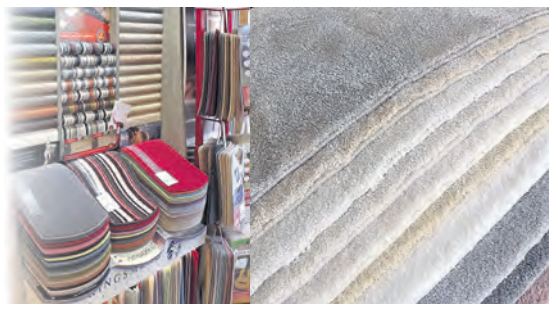

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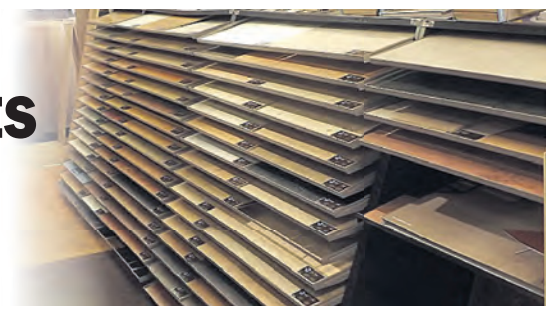

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Bridge repair works to continue over weekends

WORK will continue over the next two weekends to repair Tarleton Bank Hall Bridge, which carries the main A59 Liverpool Road over the River Douglas, following recent damage from vehicles.

The most recent damage happened in September when the south side of the bridge was struck by a vehicle, resulting in stonework which forms the parapet wall being dislodged.

Repairs are also taking place to damage on the north side of the bridge caused by previous incidents.

There will be a lane–closure in place with two–way traffic controlled by temporary lights while the repairs take place, but engineers will be working during evenings and overnight to minimise disruption and complete the job as quickly as possible, while keeping the bridge open during the busiest part of the day.

Work to repair the stonework started last weekend and will continue from 7pm to 6am Friday to Sunday, November 13–15 and Friday to Sunday, November 20–22.

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Diabetes on the rise warning

SPECIALIST diabetes nurse, Vanessa Elliott, was guest speaker at the latest meeting of the West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy group.

She explained that while 3.3 million people in the UK are currently diagnosed with diabetes, it is estimated that another 590,000 people have the condition but don't know!

And she warned that incidence of the condition is set to rise to about five million by the year 2025.

Labelling it as very much a disease of the 'Western' world, Vanessa explained the links between glucose, the pancreas and the production of insulin and the differences between type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

She went on to describe the many symptoms which may arise and the risk factors for developing type 2 diabetes including increasing age, carrying too much weight (particularly round the waist area) and poor activity levels.

Vanessa said that about 80% of cases of type 2 diabetes can be prevented by healthy eating, limiting alcohol intake, being active and maintaining a healthy weight.

Healthy eating should include having regular, perhaps smaller amounts and spreading food intake throughout the day if possible, to avoid huge evening meals which can be tough on the pancreas.

Vanessa continued her presentation with a lively, inter–active session looking at fat intake – for women this should not exceed

Vanessa Elliott addresses the Breathe Easy group

14 teaspoons per day and for men 19 – and she showed the group typical meals, starting with a cooked English breakfast and invited them to guess the number of teaspoons of fat.

Finally, Vanessa took the audience through the four cornerstones of diabetes management – diet, exercise, medication and knowledge – and informed them about the work of the Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust Diabetes Team, who provide structured group education sessions for patients with diabetes.

The next meeting of the group will be their annual general meeting and buffet to be held at the Guide HQ, Green Lane, Ormskirk on Monday, November 16, starting at 11.30 am.

Members, new members and visitors are welcome.

Lions launch Christmas toy appeal

IT'S that time of year again when the Ormskirk Lions participate in the Radio Merseyside Christmas Toy Appeal.

This year, more than ever in this time of austerity, they need the help of the public to make a child's Christmas, by donating an unwrapped new toy to their collection drop–off point at Boots in Ormskirk from Monday, November 23.

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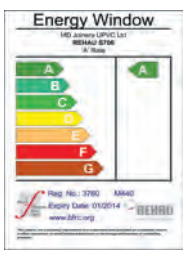

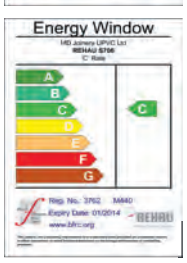

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Advice bureau chief's warning over changes to disability benefits

THE chief executive of Lancashire West Citizens Advice is warning people that the changes to the disability benefits system could lead to some people losing benefits.

Diane Gradwell is concerned some people don't know the pitfalls they face if they fail to accept an invitation to apply for Personal Independence Payment (PIP). More than 1,000 people in the borough could be affected by the changes.

She said: "For years Disability Living Allowance (DLA) has been one of the main benefits for people of working age who needed help and support. However, some time ago Government decided to replace DLA with Personal Independence Payment or PIP and decided that all existing recipients of DLA aged 16 to 64 will at some point get a letter inviting them to apply for PIP.

"However some of those DLA recipients might not realise that they have to respond to the invitation to apply for PIP even if they have been granted DLA lifetime awards. Also, for many filling in complex forms is both a worry and a time consuming exercise.

"The problem is made worse because if they do not apply when asked to, and their DLA ceases, they will lose any of a number of benefits linked to DLA such as continued access to a Motability vehicle.

"We would therefore like to stress that anyone receiving an invitation to apply for PIP must do so, whatever their current arrangement over DLA.

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MP's call for agreement on action to avert flood threat

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Fears of 'devastating' consequences in wake of pumping station closures

ROSIE Cooper fears local farmers will be left at the mercy of the weather and facing the threat of "devastating" floods unless urgent action is taken over the creation of an Alt–Crossens Internal Drainage Board.

The West Lancs MP is calling for an agreement on the principles of a new drainage body, if not the funding, following the Environment Agency's announcement that five satellite pumping stations serving the Alt–Crossens catchment area will be turned off in two years' time.

The pumping stations at Banks Marsh, Boundary Brook, Clay Brow, Kew and Rufford Causeway will cease operating in September 2017.

Ms Cooper claims finance for the new body is proving to be a stumbling block with the government refusing to treat West Lancashire the same as other areas where internal drainage boards already exist. Those areas receive a special levy grant from central government to help cover running costs.

West Lancs Council have previously voted against committing funding for an internal drainage board based on estimated projections of a £350,000 council contribution.

The MP is now calling on all interested parties to break the deadlock and explore the principles of an agreement to set–up an internal drainage board putting the funding issues to one side for now.

She said: "The clock is now ticking and the threat of turning off the pumping stations is not idle chat or an unforeseen threat. As I have said previously, doing nothing is an option. In 2012 we had an insight as to the devastating effects flooding has on people's homes and the loss of food crops grown on farmers across West Lancashire.

"I understand the reluctance of any of the parties that will eventually fund this body to commit to a blank cheque when it comes to the running costs for an internal drainage board. The exact costs of operating such a board can only be resolved by all parties discussing the options.

"However, failure to address the future drainage and water management arrangements, will mean that in two years' time when those pumps are turned off, agricultural land in the Alt Crossens area is at the mercy of the weather.

"We can't have food–producing land waterlogged again. This is why I am encouraging all parties to get round the table and come to an agreement on some principles for a solution and leave the funding issue to one side for the moment."

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The trust was given a rating of 'requires improvement', which means that some aspects of its services are not performing as well as they should be and the CQC has set out those areas that must be improved.

A number of the issues highlighted have already been addressed and some immediate remedial action has taken place to ensure that the services provided are safe and of a high quality.

Out of the 16 inspection reports that were compiled about the trust's services, half received a rating of good across all domains – including Ormskirk Hospital's adult supported living based at Bickerstaffe House.

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Heather Tierney–Moore, chief executive at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We are taking the inspection process and the feedback extremely seriously and we welcome the opportunity to learn and improve. We were realistic about the fact that there are challenges in some parts of the organisation and issues that need to be resolved and thought that it was important to be open with the CQC about that from the onset.

"The trust has used this first major inspection under the new format as a learning opportunity and in some respects, the outcome is helpful in that it will provide a clear focus for us to make the necessary improvements, with the support from our commissioners."

And Dee Roach, director of nursing, added: "I think it's really important to highlight the fact that the trust received an overall rating of good for providing services that are caring and responsive, which suggests that we have a solid foundation to build upon."

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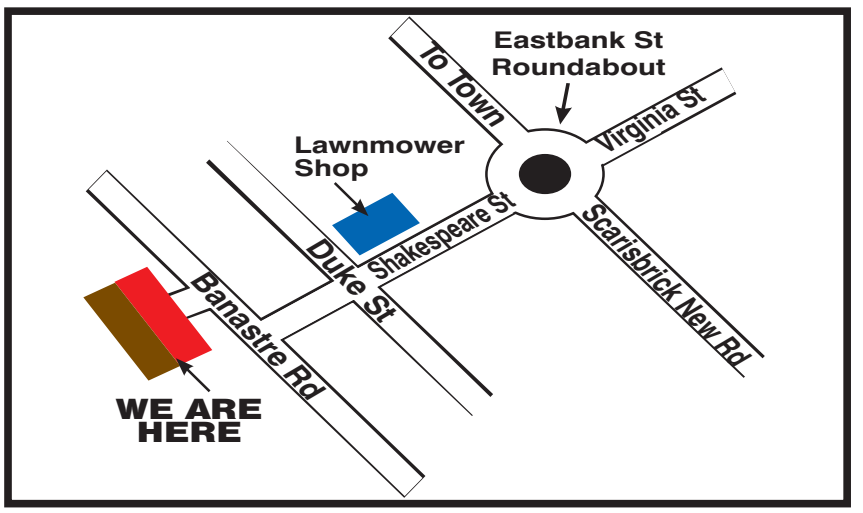

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Rare Egyptian film being screened

PARBOLD Picture House is hosting Horus Egyptology Society, Wigan, for a special event on Saturday, November 28, from 2pm. to 6pm, which includes a screening of the restored 1969 Egyptian feature film: The Night Of Counting The Years. The film was described by Martin Scorsese, the film director, as "rightfully acknowledged as one of the greatest Egyptian historical films ever made."

Professor Joann Fletcher of York University, now the voice and face of the BBC's Ancient Egyptian documentaries, will introduce the historical background and talk about The People of Kurna, the clan featured in the film. It is based on the true story of the discovery in 1881 of the large cache of royal mummies in the hills bordering the Valley of the Kings. A local clan had plundered the tombs for decades, relying on selling treasures on the black–market to sustain the tribe in hard times, but the authorities are determined to stop this trade.

It has been extremely difficult to see this film since the 1970s because the prints had deteriorated.

The film had many admirers including the great British film–maker, Michael Powell.

The dialogue in classical Arabic is subtitled and the unsettling score by the great Italian composer Mario Nascimbene contributes to a feeling of fate and inevitability.

Salam, the director, wanted Egyptians to be no longer ignorant of their history and the story asks a massive question: "Must we plunder our heritage, even what was sacred, in order to sustain our present and the future? What is our debt to the past?"

Dr. Michael Bonsall of Parbold Picture House and Horus had been searching for nearly four years to track down the film, and found it had been recently restored to its original splendour by Martin Scorsese's Film Foundation's World Cinema Project at Cineteca di Bologna /L'Immagine Ritrovata laboratory. This was in association with the Egyptian Film Center, with restoration funded by Armani, Cartier, Qatar Airways, Qatar Museum Authority and the Egyptian Ministry of Culture.

Professor Joann Fletcher is shown with Tutankhamun's mask

Horus Egyptology Society, with a membership of over 140, probably the largest such group in the UK, is a non–profit making organisation formed to bring alive the world of Ancient Egypt.

The afternoon is a fund–raiser for the Memnon Colossi Restoration Project, Luxor, and supported by Horus for many years. The colossi are of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III. Beyond them stretches a massive temple, first destroyed by earthquake, then covered by Nile silt. Work began in 2000 under a joint German/Egyptian programme led by the pre–eminent archaeologist Dr Hourig Sourouzian to explore and restore the site to a semblance of its former glory. Further funding will see the magnificent mortuary temple come to life once more.

People are being advised to book in advance. All seats unreserved. Doors open at 1.30 p.m.

For further information or to purchase tickets contact: John Johnson on 01942 716557.

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Win tickets for swashbuckling opera at the Liverpool Empire

FOLLOWING its five–star premiere in 2013, English National Ballet's production of Le Corsaire returns with performances at the Liverpool Empire from Wednesday 18 – Saturday, November 21 and The Champion has five pairs of tickets to giveaway to the show.

Winner of the Robert Robson Award for Dance at the Manchester Theatre Awards, Le Corsaire follows the escapades of Conrad, a pirate, who journeys across high seas to save his harem girl, Medora.

It is a swashbuckling fantasy tale of captive maidens and cutthroats, love and betrayal, deception and conspiracy, culminating in one of the most breath–taking spectacles in ballet.

The first UK company to perform the complete work, English National Ballet's production features sets and costumes by Hollywood film designer Bob Ringwood, whose film credits include Batman, Alien 3, and Troy, and a sweeping, romantic score performed live by the English National Ballet Philharmonic.

Le Corsaire at the Liverpool Empire sees debuts from Katja Khaniukova in the role of Gulnare, and Cesar Corrales in the role of Birbanto.

Le Corsaire also offers audiences the chance to see guest artists Osiel Gouneo, Principal with Norwegian Ballet, and Brooklyn Mack, Principal with Washington Ballet, perform with English National Ballet for the first time.

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7.30pm answer the following question. Which company is performing Le Corsaire at the Liverpool Empire? Answers to henry.james@champnews.com. The closing date is 12pm on Friday, November 12 at 12pm. Please supply your address and a contact number.

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Folk band to gig at Edge Hill

A FOLK band are holding a gig at Edge Hill University's Arts Centre tomorrow (Thursday, November 12) at 7.30pm.

The Urban Folk Quartet will be holding the gig as part of their tour to promote their new album The Escape.

They are a four–piece contemporary folk band who were launched in June 2009. The band is composed of Joe Broughton, Paloma Trigas, Tom Chapman and Dan Walsh.

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GLASS TV STAND with three shelves and crome legs £20 07849969950

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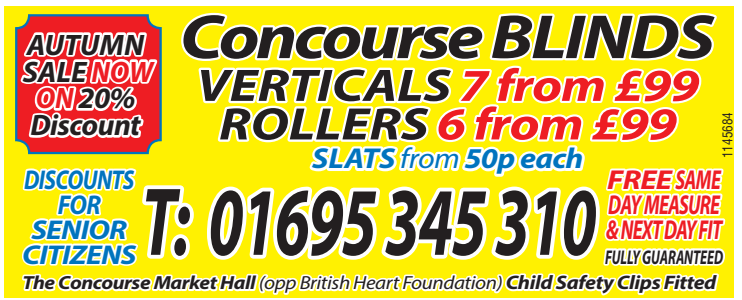
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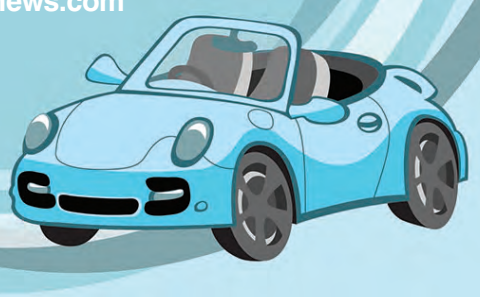

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This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

T.J

PRAYER

DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked for many favours.
This time I ask for one special favour. (mention it)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine.

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DEATHS

RILEY James (Jimmy)

31st October 2015

Aged 82 years

Loving husband of Mary. Devoted dad of Anne (Decd), Tony, Pamela, Martin (Decd), James, Patrick and Kevin, cherished grandad and great grandad of all his grandchildren and a dear father in law, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Requiem Mass will take place today 11th November at St Francis of Assisi Church at 9.45am followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium, family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for British Heart Foundation or Dementia UK. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service. 29/31 Sandy Lane. TEL: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

ASHCROFT John James

1st November 2015

Peacefully in a Halcyon House Nursing Home, Formby surrounded by his loving family, aged 91 years

Dearly loved husband of the late Vera, much loved dad of Sylvia, John, Pat and Audrey. Dear father in law of Aven, Antonia, Dave and William. Devoted grandad of Alex, Julia, Alan, Jennifer, Lindsay, Stephanie, Matthew, Oliver, Louise and great grandchildren Jake, Emily, Louis, Abigail, Orla-Rose, Isaac, Dylan, Campbell and Sophia. Will be deeply missed by all his family. Service at Holy Trinity Church Southport on Wednesday November 11th at 1.15pm. Interment following at Thornton Garden of Rest. Any flowers or if desired donations for Halcyon House Formby Co David Clegg Independent Funeral Service. 77-79 Bridge Road Litherland L21 2PA, Tel 0151 9286665.

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DEATHS

HACKMAN Dr. Brian

5th November 2015

Aged 81 years.

Happy memories of a great friend of many years. Peaceful passing after a short illness.

Grateful thanks to all the staff of Aaron Crest nursing home. Funeral to be arranged.

Enquires to Peter or Chris on 01695 726041/ 07731538930/ 07787160978

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DEATHS

FRANCIS GEORGE (BILL) JARVIS

Aged 95 years.

Died peacefully in Queenscourt Hospice after a short illness on 28th October

Loving husband of the late Irene and late Margaret. Father to Richard and Ann. Grandfather to Cherry, Suzi, Heather, Paul and Sandy. Thanks to Dr Gary Simpson, Clatterbridge Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice for their care and attention. Funeral Friday 13th at 2pm. Southport crematorium. Please wear something red, white or blue to celebrate Bill's life. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research UK or Queenscourt Hospice, Southport C/O Hunters Funeral Directors, Burscough Street, Ormskirk.

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DEATHS

WYLIE Helen Margaret

5th November 2015

Passed away peacefully at home aged 74 years of Burscough.

Dearly loved Wife of John, much loved Mum of Fiona and Gillian, Mother-in-law of David and Matthew, and Loving Grandma of Sophie, Aurora and Adam. Funeral Service and Interment at St. Johns C.E. Church Burscough on Thursday 12th November at 1.30pm. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice and Firm Roots. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a Liverpool Road North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555

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DEATHS

HOWARD ELSIE ROSE

Peacefully at home on Monday 2nd November 2015

Aged 80 years

Dearly loved wife of the late Miles, loving mum of Jan, Carole and Bill, mother-in-law to Peter and Paula. Devoted gran to Andrew, Fiona, Alistair, Phillip, Thomas, Chris and Hayley. Funeral service at Emmanuel Parish Church on Thursday 12th November at 1.30 pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for The Alzheimer's Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

WATKINSON Hugh Harold

5th November 2015

Peacefully at Aaron Crest Care Home and formerly of Upholland Aged 100 years

Much loved husband of Hannah (deceased), loving father of Ken and Marion, father-in-law of Lynette and Stan a devoted grandad and great grandad. The funeral service will take place on Thursday 12th November at Dalton Parish St Michaels and All Angels at 10am followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Dalton Parish Church, c/o and all enquires to W. Banks of Orrell Sefton Villa, Sefton Road, Orrell. Tel: 01695 622272

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DEATHS

EDWARDS James Christopher

3rd November 2015

Peacefully, aged 87 years of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved husband of the late Pat, loving dad of Pat, Mark, Sheila, Derek and Jonathan, a dear father in law and devoted grandad to all his grand and great grandchildren.

"Forever in our hearts and thoughts. Will always be missed."

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Funeral mass at St Richard's RC Church, Skelmersdale on Friday 13th November at 10.30am followed by interment at St Theresa's Cemetery, Roby Mill, Upholland. All enquiries to H Hardman & Co, Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale. Tel 01695 722122/720012

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DEATHS

RILEY James (Jimmy)

on 31st October 2015

Partings come and hearts are broken, loved ones go with words unspoken, deep in our hearts there's a memory kept, for a husband and father we'll never forget. His nature was loving and giving, his heart was made of pure gold, and to us who truly loved him, his memory will never grow old.

Your loving wife Mary and children

XXX

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DEATHS

MAHER Joan

5th November 2015

Peacefully at home after a short illness aged 85 years.

A loving Mum to Marie, Sue, Barry and Ken. A much loved Nan and little Nan.

God will link the broken chain, as one by one we meet again. In our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered everyday.

Funeral service to be held on Monday 16th November 2015 at St Helens Crematorium at 1pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Marie Curie c/o and enquires W. Banks Funeral Services, Sefton Villa, Sefton Road Orrell. Tel: 01695 622272.

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DEATHS

SMAJE Joseph (Joey)

On 31st October 2015

Aged 56 years.

There's a place in our hearts no one can fill. We will miss you Joey and always will. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place today 11th November at St Richards Church at 1.30pm followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Cry (Cardiac Risk in the Young). All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. TEL: 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

KIRKHAM CHARLES PHILIP "PHIL"

October 30th 2015

Aged 86 years.

Suddenly at home. Sadly missed by his children Anthony and Fiona. Requiem Mass at St Patrick's R.C. Church, Marshside on Friday 13th November at 12:00 noon followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Flowers welcome. All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086

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DEATHS

MAILEY Frieda

(Previously Humphries)

30th October 2015

Mother of Jill, Daren and Wayne (dec), grandmother of Gary and Kate. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral to be held at 10am on Friday 13th November at Landican Cemetery and Crematorium, Arrow Park Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead, Wirral CH49 5LW.

Enquiries please call 01695 733082 (Joe) or 01942 511923 (Daren)

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DEATHS

WHITTAKER BERYL EDWINA

29th October 2015 aged 89 years

Loving daughter of the late Bertrand Edward and Edith Maud. Funeral service at St James' Parish Church, Birkdale on Thursday 12th November at 11:00 am followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Donations are being received in lieu of flowers for Guide Dogs For The Blind. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Tel: 01704 500086

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DEATHS

NEED Susan

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5th November 2015 Peacefully in hospital

A loving sister and aunt, always loved, never forgotten.

Mary and nieces Tracy, Julie-Ann and Dawn-Lee

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

MOON John Stuart

15th November

I wish that I could see you John,
For just a little while,
I wish that I could hug you and
see your lovely smile,
But wishing gets me nowhere,
And longing is in vain,
So I will hold you in my heart,
Until we meet again.

Loved and remembered always, especially on your Birthday

Jean
XXX

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

MOON John Stuart

15th November

We miss his smile,
his kindly ways,
With him we spent some happy days,
We'll miss him when we need a friend,
On him we could always depend,
If only he was here today,
Then this to him we could say,
God bless you, on your Birthday.

Thinking of you always

Daughter Deborah
Grandchildren
Jasmine and Elliot
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BIRTHDAYS

Hannah Appleton

18

13th November 2015

Lots of love on your 18th Birthday from Mum and Neil, Sean & Nan XXXX

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IN MEMORIAM

HALSALL Anne

11th November 2009

Mum,
Sadly missed along life's way.
Quietly remembered every day.
No longer in our life to share,
but in our hearts you're always there.
Love and miss you always,
John, Stephen, Suzanne and Donna
xx

Anne,
My heart is heavy with sadness and tears,
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BIRTHDAYS

ASHA HAYES

11th November 2015

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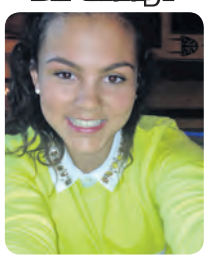

Lots of love Mum, Nanny, Grandad, Antonia, James, Ste, Jude and Lola XXXXX

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IN MEMORIAM

BARTLEY Harold

14th November 2014

Gone from our lives but not from our hearts
We miss you so much
Trix, Ian, Lisa, Suzie, Flemming, Shannon and Samuel
xxx

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PARRY Alice (nee Aughton)

15th November 2009

Mum
Love and miss you every day
David, Alan, Stuart and grandson Jakob

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BIRTHDAYS

HANNAH JANE APPLETON

13 NOVEMBER 1997

Happy 18th Birthday

Happy 18th Birthday
Lots of Love from
Dad and Sean xxxx

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IN MEMORIAM

STAFFORD Les

12th November

Miss you every day, my lovely brother

Sheila
XXX

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WINCHURCH Peter

November 10th 2009

Six years have passed by so quickly, you are loved and remembered every day.
Always in our hearts
Loving wife Carole, Gareth, Dani, Ally and boys
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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0998/COU Change of use from restaurant/cafe to mixed use of restaurant/cafe and house of multiple occupancy at The Coach House Bistro, 144 Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale.
Application No: 2015/1049/FUL Demolition of existing industrial building. Construction of smaller new build distribution warehouse within the existing building footprint at Walter Edmundson Haulage, 8 Prospect Place, East Pimbo, Up Holland.
Application No: 2015/1081/FUL Proposed single storey extension to the rear and new single storey porch to the front elevation at Barley Farm, Southport Road, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/1123/FUL Extension to workshop and first floor offices at Security Surveillance Systems, Graveyard Lane, Bickerstaffe.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/1135/FUL Installation of a biomass boiler for plant propagation at West Gate Farm, Guide Road, Hesketh Bank.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/1141/COU Change of use of previous piggery & adjoining side store into 10 kennels with accompanying reception area, food preparation room and small animal boarding at Wellcross Farm, 123 Tower Hill Road, Up Holland.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0987/FUL New agricultural building for livestock and storage at Bank Farm, Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.
Application No: 2015/1088/FUL Lowering of kerb at the front of the house on Cobbs Brow Lane to allow access to the already paved area in front of the house. Area of kerb to be lowered is 4.8m x 1.3m at 26 Cobbs Brow Lane, Newburgh.
Application No: 2015/1125/FUL Construction of an internal masonry garden dividing wall at 44 Granville Park, Aughton.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI
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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Birch Green Road, Skelmersdale from its junction with A577 Houghtons Road to its junction with Forest Drive, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

A577 Houghtons Road – Northway – Birch Green Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utility works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Saturday 7th November 2015 until 1700 hours on Sunday 8th November 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
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Life On Cars
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JUST the other day I spent rather too long looking longingly at wax jackets in a swanky shop in the Lake District.

Normally I have about as much interest in clothes as Laurence Llewelyn–Bowen does in launch control systems and the McLaren 650S but I have a soft spot for wax jackets. Specifically Barbour wax jackets – it just goes with the Range Rover–driving, real ale–swigging, fell walking lifestyle I've been brought up with. Which is why I was weighing up whether to throw £250 at what is basically a glorified coat for Countryfile viewers.

The car world has been onto this mawkish obsession with brands and lifestyle – and it knows people like me will happily fork out extra for something because it's made by Land Rover or BMW rather than Skoda or Dacia.

It's also why the market for big – but mass–market – cars has pretty much evaporated in the UK. The likes of the Vauxhall Omega and Peugeot 607 have quietly slipped off to the mortal coil while BMW, Mercedes, Jaguar and (increasingly over the last 15 years) Audi have lapped up the managing director money. So it was perhaps inevitable I declared back in February the chances of anyone buying a £48,000 Hyundai was virtually non–existent.

But it turns out Hyundai knew this all along – which is why it's pulling off a trick Toyota managed 20 years ago. A Lexus LS600h is basically what happens when Asda makes its own wax jacket – you might sneer at Asda's offering, but you might just be tempted by a George one if it's cheap enough.

That's why you can now buy a DS (quietly made by Citroën), an Infiniti (a Nissan in all but name), a Vignale (a rejigged, upmarket Mondeo) and if we're being cruel, an Audi (the emissions scandal has reminded us how that Ingolstadt's upmarket offerings are laced with cut–price Volkswagen meat).

Hyundai's plan is to serve up six luxury models completely bereft of the H–word – they will all be sold here as Genesis (ideally with Phil Collins–branded drum brakes). A luxury Hyundai would flop spectacularly, but a luxury Genesis might just do a Lexus and pull it off.

You'll need £47,995 to take part in Hyundai's biggest experiment yet, although chances are – given my shopping habits at the moment – I'll probably spend roughly the same on wax jackets and real ale.

David Simister is features editor of Classic Car Weekly

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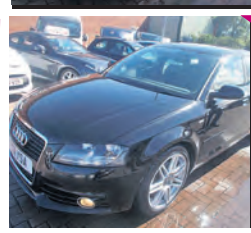
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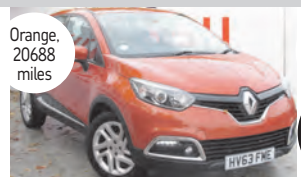

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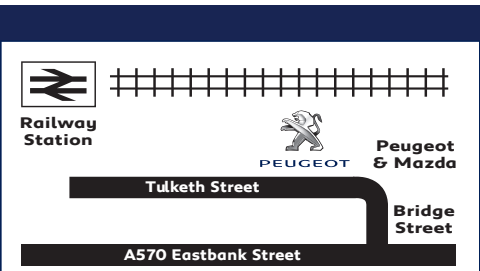

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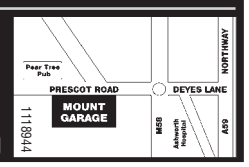

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Heptathlete inspires pupils

SPORTY youngsters at a West Lancashire school enjoyed a motivational talk by a medal–winning athlete as part of a project aimed at inspiring children to be active and healthy.

Heptathlete Jess Taylor, who won the bronze medal at last year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, was invited to Tarleton Community Primary as part of the Sports for Schools initiative.

The 27–year–old gave a demonstration and held a question–and–answer session before leading the children on sponsored fitness circuits with the money raised going towards new PE equipment for the school and to help support GB international athletes.

Year 6 pupil, Isabelle Roberts, said: "It was amazing to see a famous athlete at our school and to learn all about her experiences. And if she can do it so can I!"

Home comforts but tough tie on the cards as Skem bid for Trophy progress

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

FOLLOWING their against–the–odds FA Trophy triumph last week, Skelmersdale United are rewarded with a home game on Saturday when Lincoln United will make a first visit to the town for a 3pm kick–off.

Like Skem, Lincoln United won through to this stage thanks to a midweek replay last week, when after a 1–1 draw at Stafford Rangers they again drew 1–1 at their Ashby Avenue ground, before succeeding via penalties, the winner coming from goalkeeper Sam Vince.

Skelmersdale manager Tommy Lawson will naturally be hoping to avoid the fate suffered by Division One South leaders Stafford. However, it won't be easy as Lincoln have only lost two of their seven away league games this season.

Reportedly they play quite an uncompromising style.

Among the players to watch will be centre–forward Paul Grimes, who scored for Grantham the last time he played at Stormy Corner, whilst in midfield they have Chris Hall, an experienced player who starred for Burton Albion in their famous 2005/06 FA Cup run, that culminated in two games against Manchester United after they had beaten Burscough in round two.

Tommy Lawson has been busy this week preparing for the FA Trophy match and one of his tasks has been to sign a new striker. Osebi Abadaki is a man who can play as an out–and–out forward but does a fine job on the wing too. He is very quick and played against Skelmersdale earlier in the season for Buxton.

Abadaki might not be the only addition to the Skelmersdale ranks this week but at the time of going to press we cannot confirm whether another move has been fruitful.

Skem were scheduled to have had a game last night (Tuesday) at home to Northwich Victoria in the Dootson Sports Cup – weather permitting.

But there is no scheduled midweek game next week unless they draw on Saturday, which will necessitate a long trip to Lincoln for a replay next Tuesday.

Skem's next home league fixture is against Evo–Stik Premier Division leaders Blyth Spartans on Saturday, November 21 in what promises to be a good game.

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Lawson's men come out fighting to land replay KO

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Hyde United 0
Skelmersdale United 1

WHAT do you do when you lose three players immediately before an away FA Trophy replay due to matters out of your control, have to play a number of players out of position, are facing bang–in–form opponents who have their star striker back and nobody gives you a snowball in hell's chance?

Well, if you're Tommy Lawson's Skelmersdale United you take the game to your opposition, force them on the back foot, score, then prevent them from getting into any kind of playing rhythm and finish off by sending them home well beaten.

The complete scenario was a bit like a Rocky film – but without the violence.

Skem attacked from the off and in the 8th minute home goalkeeper Ed Wilczynski parried away Chris Almond's shot – the first of about five saves he made from the prodigious Almond before the interval.

Hyde made moves to attack and a couple of efforts by star striker Scott Spencer and another from Sam Fitton threatened, but Skem continued to press at the other end and in the 22nd minute they got a reward for their enterprise.

Phil Mooney galloped down the right and drove a cross into the goalmouth where Tom Ince looked its likely destination on the far post. However, in an effort to save the situation, Hyde No. 4 Joe Wilkinson put his head to the ball and it went into the net via the post.

Chris Almond – a constant threat to the Hyde defence

Almond had two more efforts saved by Wilczynski on 25 and 27 minutes, then Fitton went close for Hyde with a header from Ryan Ellison's cross.

In the 35th minute Mooney saw a shot go inches over the crossbar after he followed up on a chaotic situation in the Hyde area.

And two minutes before the interval Kenny Strickland went through but unselfishly laid the ball off for Almond when a shot at goal might have made it 2–0.

After the break, Mooney overlapped and saw his cross clip the top of the crossbar, but then Hyde started to press and the first quarter–hour of the half was always going to be crucial to the outcome of the game.

But the nearest to a leveller was a shot along the floor that was thwarted when Martin Fearon dived full–length to steer the ball around his post.

In the 61st minute Reece Gray waltz through two challenges before Fearon closed him down and got a vital touch to the ball. Gray got the rebound but Fearon saved again before finally pouncing on the loose ball to calm his teammates' panic.

The latter stages saw Hyde gradually run out of ideas as to how they were going to breach the Skem defence, while the visitors remained dangerous on the counter.

Ged Kinsella was just beaten to a through ball by Wilczynski, and then Hyde's Scott Spencer shot wide after Jordan Snodin set him up.

But the more it went on, the less likely it looked that Hyde would score and a spirited performance saw Skem deservedly through to play Lincoln United at Stormy Corner on November 14 in the next round.

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Stay smart when casual. Casual does not mean you have to blend in with the crowds at large, especially at work. For the ladies, a tailored skirt or a detailed blouse can make all the difference.

Look in your closet and try to match what you normally wear at work with some of your better pieces.

An accessory can make all the difference and if you are supposed to go for a meal straight after work an oversized necklace can make all the difference.

You may also want to invest in your favourite perfume with an eau de parfum to match the eau de toilette you use. The parfum will be much stronger and a spray of it at night time will make all the difference.

If the evening is likely to end up with a tad of dancing, do not wear shoes that are too high!

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Accessories are everything and bold necklaces or bags can make a huge difference. People may remember a piece of jewellery or a scarf but if the dress is timelessly elegant you will get away with wearing it numerous times.

Avoid over detailed and wild colours especially. Above the knee hemline work well here but do not be tempted to go too high. Subtlety is your byword. Kitten heels should make this outfit perfect.

Guys should look out for well fitting trousers and a classic jacket. You can go a little wilder in your colour choice here because although formal, oddly enough for once, the man has more options than the lady.

The black tie do. If you are going to go for it then please do. This is the right occasion for the ladies.

Just wear something that suits your body shape.

If you are not as tall as you would like, heels are fine (remember you may have to stand on your feet for a while though) and curvy women should look at empire line styles.

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Decorating your home at Christmas is important as it will set the scene for up to a month (!) and it can be a daunting task. So what is the best way to go about it all?

The first thing to say is that there should be no trends in decorating at Christmas, modern or traditional it all works. If you are gifted you can mix both with success but if you prefer to keep things simple then decide on which way you are going and stick to it. If, for example, you decide to be traditional don't be tempted to add a few baubles that you like the look of but that are way too modern.

Most of us already have ample supplies of bits and bobs from Christmases past and few of us are lucky enough to have a budget to completely overhaul what we have. So bear in mind a few rules that will serve you well whatever your décor may be.

Baby, it's cold outside so keep warm and cosy. This is actually quite easy to achieve with a few cushions and rugs on beds and sofas.

There are plenty of choices available in shops and stores ranging from faux fur to velvet. Remember that Christmas for most people is a cosy time, so think on.

Scents and fragrance at home can make a difference too. From candles to essential oils, again the choice is amazing out there and can range from just a few pounds, to candles at £100 and more!

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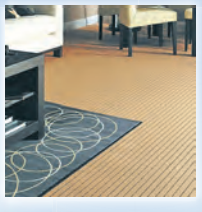

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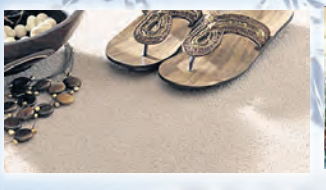

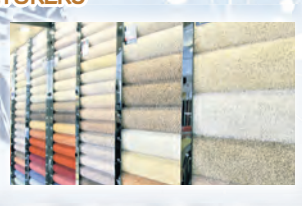

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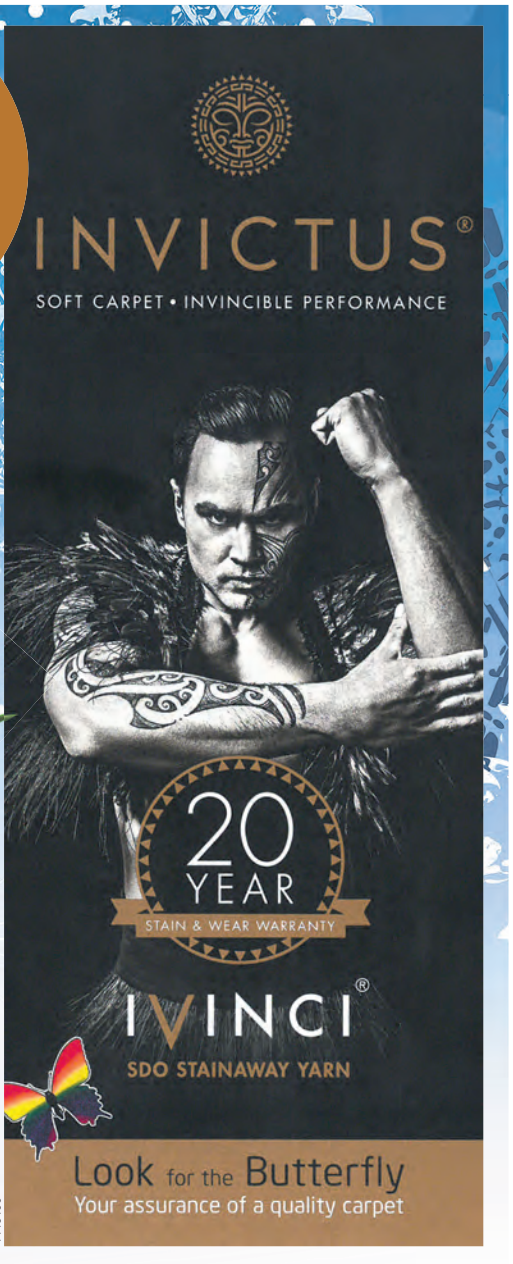

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For many, the main attraction has to be the tree. The best tip here is probably to try to stick to two colours rather than throw everything at it. If you don't think you have enough decorations to stick to such a plan, why not invest this year with lots of fairy lights. Choose a warm white glow and fill the tree with lights, making sure you push the lights inside the tree as well as decorate the tips of the branches.

As fairy lights are so inexpensive why not fill two or three large clear glass jars or vases with a set and keep these lit around the house. You will need plugs obviously but a few of these simple arrangements can transform a simple room into a festive delight!

And if you have large see through vases to spare fill those with baubles or pine cones as well to complement the look of Christmas throughout your home.

Match your dining table centrepiece with the rest of your home by adding a few touches here and there bringing the colours together. It can be a vase of baubles or even ribbons around your presents.

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There is no point in buying a recipe book for someone who never does any cooking... don't laugh! We have all received the odd gift or two when we think.. 'What is THAT?'

Keeping local often means you will come across ideas you would have never thought of and while online is an often liked solution for a lot of us, there is nothing like actually going to a shop or store and having a look. So what is the best way of getting ahead.

Make a list. Names first and think of who they are in reality. Then, make another list of headers such as 'Fashion', 'Cooking', 'Cosmetics', etc. In each of those section slot a name that you know would be ideal for that kind of present and write a price that you cannot go over.

Then, one day at a time, do your Christmas shopping well ahead. A 'fashion' day will sort out all those in that section. One other tip is to draw out the cash your budget is allowing you to spend and stick to that, come hell or high water. Don't take any credit or debit cards with you and that way you know you can crack it!

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Many of us receive far too many things at this time of year so it is nice to think that come 2016 there may be a nice extra treat or two to be had thanks to your kindness and generosity.

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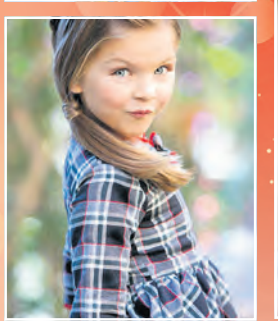

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First thing is to empty the freezer as much as possible. You are going to need it. Then it is time to take it step by step:

GRAVY Just make it now. No really... Make a good gravy and add a splash of port or madeira if you have it, making it a little thicker than you would want.

Cool it and freeze it. On the day and after defrosting, reheat and add the turkey juices for perfect consistency.

BREAD SAUCE That can freeze well too but it does keep for a few days in the fridge anyway. It all depends on what you want to do but there is no need to worry about it in the day.

CRANBERRY SAUCE Pop a punnet of berries in a pan with a little water and sugar to taste. Cranberries need quite a bit of sugar so be aware. Bring to a simmer (the berries will pop) and cool down. Keeps a few days in the fridge as well.

STUFFING Don't buy it ready made. Make it now and freeze it in a disposable oven dish (the kind that comes with a lid). Defrost the day before and cook alongside the turkey on the day.

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SPROUTS Peel and blanch (plunge in hot water for a few minutes) and rinse straight away in cold water. Store in the fridge and on the day add to a hot pan with a good knob of butter and vacuum packed chestnuts.

POTATOES Peel and cut as you want and place them in a large bowl of water the night before. They won't go brown and will save you bags of time on the day

PARSNIPS Boil the day before and refrigerate.

If you do all of the above, you will still have to perform on the big day but at a much sharper speed. You may even have time for a glass or two of festive cheers!

SEASONAL TIPS

- Buy cheap mincemeat and decant the jar contents in a large bowl. Grate an orange, add a little mixed spice and a glug of brandy and mix well.
- If you make your own mince pies roll small balls of marzipan and pop in the middle of each pie's filling before baking. The marzipan will melt into the rich pastry and mincemeat mixture.
- Stocktake your cupboards. You may not need a third jar of mixed spice after all! But DO check the spices you want to use. If you have kept them too long they may have no scent or flavour left at all. Your nose will tell you!

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The popular belief that going out at Christmas (and in December in general) is not a good idea as prices increase and standards of both food and service fall is simply no longer true.

The festive season has become much more than roast turkey, chipolatas and sprouts and the choices of available cuisine you can find on your own doorstep is truly astounding.

For a lot of people, going out at this time of year provides a welcome break from the endless hours of preparation and planning at home. Because there is no need to eat a 'Christmas dinner' everytime you go out, why not try for something a bit different?

If your better half is the one who does most of the Christmas chores organising a lovely evening or lunch out for him or her can make a real difference and provides the opportunity to have a little bit of time to yourselves at a time when generally, you have so many others to think of.

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It is important however to remember a few rules of thumb and whilst most establishments will always try to look after their patrons - here are a few tips for you to be safe all this festive season.

Set a budget for yourself. Whilst you will know how much your meal will cost you (especially if prebooked), the cost of drinks can soon mount up. Do not underestimate what you will need because the last thing you will want to do is to draw more cash out only for you to realise the following day that your budget has been seriously dented.

You don't have to, you know! Being the responsible adults that we are, we all have a choice and one of those is not to drink the bars dry. Bearing in mind this is a season when opportunists sadly will be watching anyone that is easy prey, you will owe it to yourself to NOT feel pressured because Jack from work is on his eighteenth pint and you've only sunk two! Having a soft drink in between alcoholic beverages is also a good way of keeping things sensible and remembering to eat before stepping out is sensible as well.

Don't leave your drinks unattended. There has been lots written on this topic and suffice to say that whether it is a shot that a friend has dropped in your beer or worse, knowing that your drink is safe is also part of your responsibility towards yourself. Keep an eye out for your friends as well. If you have decided to go home together then stick to that.

Even with all the above ticked off, things can still go wrong as we all know so having some emergency pennies may not be a bad idea. The price of a taxi fare is something we should all have tucked away. Keep that away from your cash stash and only use it if you have to.

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Create the right mood by putting together a super playlist of songs both festive and pop favourites. Nothing like a good tune to liven things up. Lighting is important and you will want the right balance between a glow and enough light to highlight decorations and food! No need for the 'big light', use plenty of lamps and fairy lights in vases or bowls.

Get the drinks right. Don't rely on guests bringing a bottle unless you have asked them specifically to do that. With an average of five glasses per bottle of wine and a possible four drinks each this will give you a rough guideline of what to buy.

Add a few extra to your total as you know at this time of year they won't go to waste. Plenty of good drink bargains are to be had at this time of year so it may pay to shop round. The easiest way to handle the drink situation is to limit the choices to white or red wine.

However, if you know no fear and want to go a little more sophisticated, why not look at offers on Prosecco or Cava. Both these wines are manufactured the same way as Champagne and both tend to be a lot more affordable. Be aware that, as in everything, not all wines are equal so it may pay to just buy a bottle and try it out first (call it research!)

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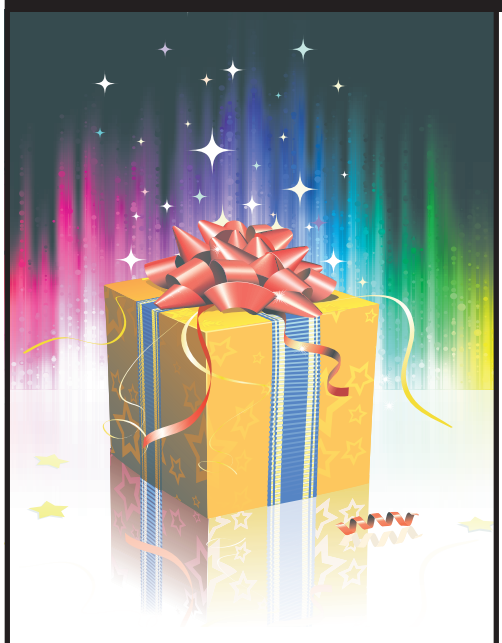

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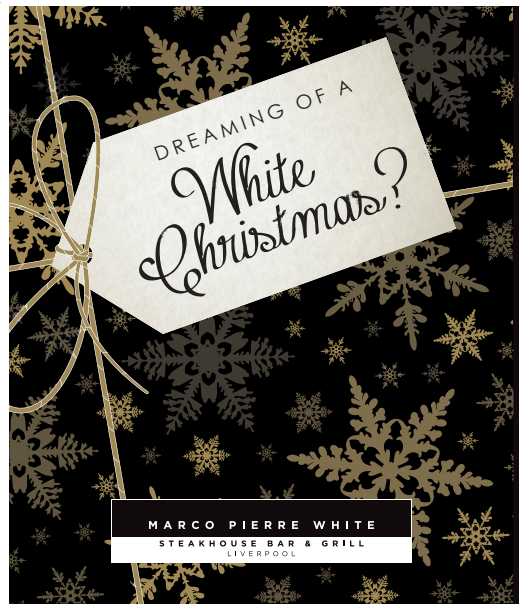
Keep the canapes small and bite size otherwise you could be in for a nasty surprise when your guests leave and your carpet looks as though it has been the scene of a battle! Finally ensure you have lots of paper napkins for greasy hands and the odd spill or two.

If you think people may stay on and linger, make sure that everyone knows at what time the party is supposed to finish.

Either state it on the invitation or better still have a party before you move to a theatre or restaurant. The pre-dinner drink party is a super way of not holding court 'til three in the morning!

Another way is to pre-book taxis for your guests as at this time of the year cabs can be difficult to get. Hopefully as people see others leave they will take the hint and go too!



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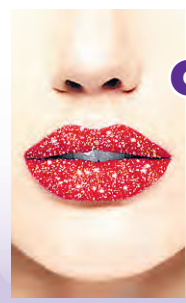

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Bah! Humbug! That is what you may feel if you are on a budget at Christmas but although it is deeply ingrained that only the 'best' can do for anyone during the festive season, actually it is completely silly to go and overspend with what you don't have at any time of the year.

Here are a few tips that anyone may benefit from. Some of these are simply logical statements but it Is easy to forget logic at Christmas time!

1 Christmas is just one day a year. Yeah, that needs reminding doesn't it? The more you spend, the higher your expectations and generally the bigger the fall too.

It really is not worthwhile making yourself sick over one day. Everyone loves Christmas but it can sometimes lead to sheer exhaustion and a depressed state. Give yourself a reality check.

2 Small children do not have brand awareness. A simple toy for a five year old can be much more exciting than an iPad! Remember the joy of Christmas is the memory of it, the coziness and the love around you. That starts early in anyone's life and it is never down to materialistic gifts.

3 If you cannot afford the best turkey in the shop don't despair. Shopping for your bird at a local butcher may be very good news. Most people believe supermarkets to be better priced but that is far from the truth very often.

Go and discuss some options with your butcher. You may be very surprised.

4 Too many gifts to buy. Do you buy for someone you rarely or never see during the year? Some kind of old habit, and they do the same? If that is the case how about having a chat and whittling down your list. They will be as relieved as you are probably and this will mean some real savings.

5 Budget means organisation. There is no getting away from this one. If you work from a list you will find that you will not have huge (and bad) surprises. You will need lists with budgets. Presents and who to buy for. Food and what you will be serving and how many people. Knowing what you need to spend your money on and allocating a budget to items is the way forward.

6 Shop early. When you go to town or during your lunch hour, grab a couple of items each day from your lists.

You won't really feel the pinch as much and pretty soon you will be ready in advance, What's not to like?

7 Cut costs down on non-essentials. A cracker is a cracker. Most times, children will pull them anyway so does it matter that the gifts are plastic frogs and dice as opposed to silver plated bottle openers? That could be a difference of £15 on just one item! As for fancy paper napkins, what's wrong with plain white? You get the drift...

8 Booze specials. As in tip 6, shop early. Beer and wine keeps just as well in your garage than in the store's warehouse. Grab the offers and stock up ahead. Just keep away from it though!

These are all small steps but adopting them will mean a much easier on the wallet Christmas. You may also find that it is a frame of mind and once you buy into saving whenever you can you will simply continue to do so.

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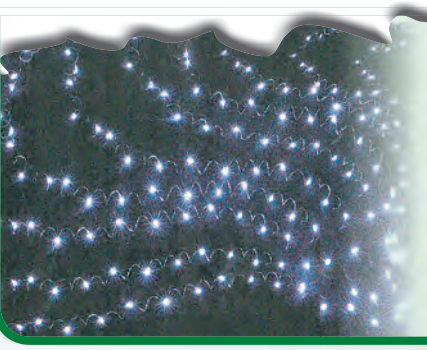

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